



## **MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Thursday 20 January 2022 at 1930**

2022/01

**Those Present:** Polly Hanson-Smith, Jonathan Smith (Chairman), Kirsty Vaughan-Jones, & Steve Vickers.

Keith Leesmith (Clerk), Richard Kershaw (NNDC)

**1) Apologies** None

**2) Declarations of Interest** None

**3) Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 18 November 2021** - Approved and signed

### **4) Reports**

#### **b) North Norfolk District Council**

There is currently a decline in positive Covid cases but a rise in hospital admissions, however, there are currently only four cases in intensive care. Most of the new cases seem to be in the 5 to 12 age group. It is expected that the virus will become endemic in the UK by June. Figures for vaccinations are generally good in Norfolk, but there are still 100,000 people requiring a booster. Unfortunately, the government statistics which enable the above figures to be given, are not currently expected to continue being issued beyond the end of the month.

The consultation is now available on the NNDC website for the Local Plan to take us to 2036. The 300-page document may be read, and comments made before 28 February. After this it will be passed to the Planning Inspector for approval.

#### **c) Parish Clerk**

KL had circulated a report to Councillors. This is attached to these minutes and appears on the website.

#### **d) Homes for Wells/Flagship Housing – affordable housing site**

Jane Berwick, the Chief Executive Officer of Homes for Wells had sent a report which was circulated to Councillors, is appended to these minutes, and appears on the website.

### **5) To discuss affordable housing site/children's playground/village trod etc.**

Councillors were unhappy with the constant delays which have been evident since this subject was first discussed in January 2018. They would like to see the homes built and occupied. Whilst it was accepted that Covid had produced difficulties, the delays were not only still coming but were being added to by the developers appearing to be trying to offset some of their costs on to the Parish

Council, the latest of these being a suggestion that the PC take on responsibility for visitor car park spaces. Councillors wondered whether the homes could be built without the recreation spaces, but this was thought to be a condition of sale by the person who sold the land.

RK asked for copies of the correspondence, and he would speak to Graham Connolly and others to try to improve the situation.

#### **6) Planning Matters**

There was one planning application for the White House which Councillors discussed. It was thought that the proposed changes would not be seen from the road, and therefore a “no comment” could be given.

#### **7) To discuss suitable location for Covid Plaque**

KL had obtained the plaque, which was issued to communities throughout the County by the Lord Lieutenant’s office in recognition of resilience during the Covid outbreak. It was thought that the best place to display this would be the Reading Room. JS would speak to the Committee.

#### **8) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement**

A bank reconciliation had been circulated to Councillors.

The following amounts had been paid since the last meeting:

a)	Street lights – December	31.67
b)	Bank Charges October to December	18.00
c)	Grounds maintenance – Annual hedge Trim	180.00
d)	Parish Clerk – 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter salary and expense contribution	503.10
e)	HMRC – PAYE on above	119.60

#### **9) Minor Matters**

KL had obtained quotations for the fitting of timers to streetlights. (See Clerk’s Report). SV would like one of these fitted to the light opposite to his house and was prepared to pay for it himself. KL would contact the lighting contractors.

#### **10) Date of next meeting**

Confirmed as Thursday 17 March 2022 at 1930

**The meeting closed at 2010**